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In re Patent Application of

**YAMAGATA, Hitoshi**

Serial No. **09/391,399**

Filed: **September 8, 1999**

For: **MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING  
APPARATUS**



Atty. Ref.: 3553-2

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October 12, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OR CLARIFICATION  
OF ERRONEOUS NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

The attached copy of the 09/24/99 Notice to File Missing Parts is not understood. It alleges that the inventor's oath or declaration is missing or unsigned -- and the "unsigned" declaration has been circled. However, as evidenced by the attached photocopy of the signed inventor's declaration already filed with the original application papers on September 8, 1999 (USPTO postcard receipt attached), this Notice is clearly erroneous. Accordingly, withdrawal of this erroneous Notice is respectfully requested.

This filing may be considered a "response" to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

**YAMAGATA, Hiroshi**  
**Serial No. 09/391,399**

Under the circumstances, no surcharge fee is believed required. However, if such is ultimately required, then authority is hereby given to charge such additional fee to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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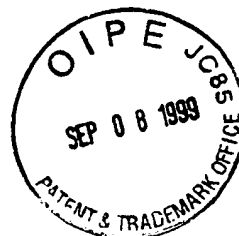


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Applicant: YANAGATA  
Title: Magnetic Resonance  
Imaging apparatus

Atty: LSN  
Date: 9-8-99  
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7 Pages Specification + 1-pg abstract  
12 Claims  
12 Sheets Drawings: Formal \_\_\_\_\_  
Informal \_\_\_\_\_  
X Declaration (1 Pages)  
X Assignment  
Priority Document  
Base Issue Fee Transmittal  
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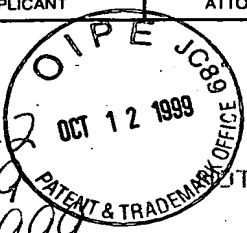
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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
**Filing Date Granted**

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the **SURCHARGE** set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a

☐ small entity (statement filed) ☐ non-small entity is \$ 130.00

☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing.  
☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ total claims over 20.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims over 3.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned  
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

☐ 9. OTHER:

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

**A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.**

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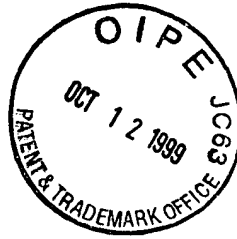
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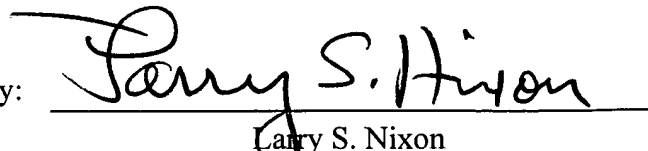
**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT**

Enclosed is a copy of the Filing Receipt for the above-identified application which fails to state the inventor's full name and address. It should read --HITOSHI YAMAGATA, TOKYO, JAPAN--. Also the filing receipt fails to state the corresponding foreign information which should read --JAPAN 10-279172 September 30, 1998--. The corrections are shown in red on the attached copy of the filing receipt. Please note your records accordingly. Correction of same is respectfully requested.

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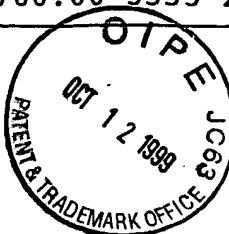
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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" ("Missing Parts Notice") in this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the "Missing Parts Notice." When the PTO processes the reply to the "Missing Parts Notice," the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s) ~~YAMAGATA~~ HITOSHI YAMAGATA, TOKYO, JAPAN  
FOREIGN APPLICATIONS JAPAN 10-279172 SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

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TITLE  
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